

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, organized by the Reverend William Richardson of Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church in Lancaster County, Bethel Presbyterian Church in America traces its beginnings to 1764, approximately fourteen years after the first significant movement of colonists into the Clover area; and

WHEREAS, situated near the center of the original congregation boundaries, the current building was erected in 1873 and is the 4th house of worship for the church; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Bethel Presbyterian Church in America has been known for its patriotic efforts and military service on behalf of our country, beginning with supporting the fight for independence with manpower and supplies and continuing through the conflicts of today; and

WHEREAS, Bethel Presbyterian Church in America has grown in membership and influence over the years, serving as "Mother Church" to eight area congregations and assisting in the support of missionaries and church planters around the world; and

WHEREAS, Bethel Presbyterian Church in America and its congregation are commemorating 250 years of spiritual worship, fellowship, faith, and service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2014, as

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA 250TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the many contributions and rich history of the church and its congregation.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

**NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**